

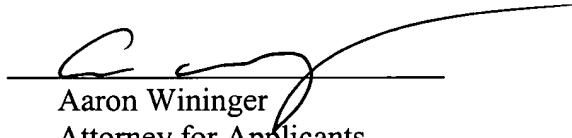
REMARKS

Claims 1 – 18 are pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 1 – 18 (from the attached Article 34 Amendment) are being amended to remove multiple dependencies and for clarity. No new matter is being added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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